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Identical letters dated 23 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government and with reference to the letter from the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia dated 10 July 2001 (S/2001/689) alleging that smugglers attempted to cross the Saudi Arabian frontier on 11 June 2001, I wish to inform you that the content of the Saudi Arabian letter is a complete fabrication since the Iraqi Frontier Force has confirmed that the information given in the letter is untrue.

The Saudi Arabian authorities have persisted, over the past two months, in sending letters to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and to the President of the Security Council complaining about alleged violations of their borders, and the United States Zionist media have repeated these allegations in order to create the false impression that there is a tense situation on the border between Iraq and Saudi Arabia. The facts indicate that exactly the opposite is the case. The Iraqi side is committed to the protection of the Iraqi-Saudi Arabian border zone and to the principles of good-neighbourliness with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. In return, the Saudi Arabian authorities provide funding and supplies to the bases from which United States aircraft attack civilian targets in Iraq on a daily basis in flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations, international law and international humanitarian law.

The entire world has condemned the daily military aggression by the United States of America and the United Kingdom against Iraq, launched from the territory of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Turkey, on the grounds that it is an isolated use of force against an independent State without the authorization of the United Nations. The Secretary-General of the United Nations stated recently that the imposition of the no-flight zones on Iraq had no basis in any resolution of the Security Council.

Iraq requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Security Council to take immediate steps to ensure the cessation of the daily aggression by the United States of America and the United Kingdom against its territory and to hold the perpetrators legally responsible for their aggression, and for the payment of compensation for the material damage and human casualties caused thereby. The Saudi Arabian authorities are a principal party in this aggression and bear legal responsibility for it under the Charter of the United Nations and international law.



I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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